

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Dortha Peterson, and we are richer because Dortha lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Dortha was born August 15, 1913; and,

Whereas, Dortha continues to live in her own home where she attends to her beautiful roses, enjoys cross-stitching, reading her Bible, and keeping up on the lives and activities of her 7 children, 8 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren; and,

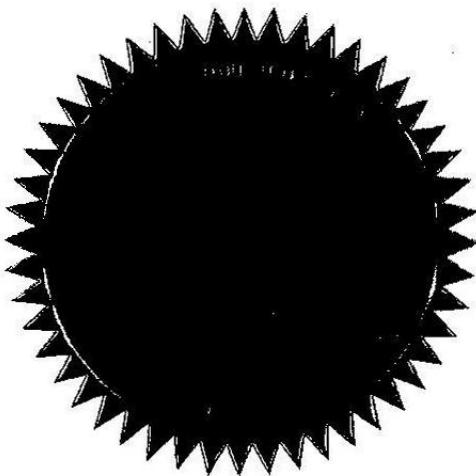
Whereas, Dortha resides in Wakonda, South Dakota, and will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 15, 2003, as

DORTHA PETERSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all of her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State